



## **Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council**

*Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair  
Councilor Maureen T. Carney  
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge  
(Vacant)*

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street  
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building  
Northampton, MA**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2016

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced.  
The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 7:37 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were Councilors Murphy, LaBarge, and Carney. One position is vacant. Also present from the City Council were Councilors Sciarra, O'Donnell, Bidwell, Dwight, and Klein.
3. **Approval Of Minutes From September 1, 2016:** Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

#### **4. Financial Orders:**

##### **A. 16.157 A Financial Order To Authorize Payment Of A Previous Year Bill To Comcast In The Amount Of \$154.83**

Mayor Narkewicz explained that this is a small bill that was received after the end of the fiscal year. In order to pay a bill from a previous fiscal year, the City Council must approve. The bill was being sent to an incorrect address; DPW has notified Comcast and asked that the address be corrected.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

##### **B. 16.162 An Order To Appropriate \$13,550 For The Purpose Of Paying Costs Of A Roofing Replacement Schematic Design Feasibility Study For The Bridge Street School**

Mayor Narkewicz explained that the language in this order and the next order are virtually identical and is also similar language in an order that was previously adopted by the Council. Originally it had been estimated that the schematic design feasibility study was going to cost \$40,000; however, the bid amounts came in above that amount. The City needs to appropriate this additional money before September 28, 2016 which is the deadline for submission; two readings are requested so that this deadline can be met. The MSBA program will reimburse the

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City for over 50% of the cost of the roofs, but in order to qualify for the reimbursement, the City does need to follow the prescribed process. Councilor Murphy pointed out that the unusual language in the order is prescribed in the program. Mayor Narkewicz pointed out that the City will also be using leftover money from last year's project. Councilor Dwight asked if the schematic design feasibility study was mandated by the process, and the Mayor indicated that it was. He noted that any public construction project over a certain dollar amount requires this. The study is slightly different from a consultant; the City will hire an architect to design the blueprints.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

**C. C. 16.163 An Order To Appropriate \$13,214 For The Purpose Of Paying Costs Of A Roofing Replacement Schematic Design Feasibility Study For The Leeds Elementary School**

Councilor O'Donnell noted that both orders take money that is leftover in the Leeds Roof Replacement accounts. Mayor Narkewicz agreed and stated that the other order also specifies the use of money from another project as well. Councilor O'Donnell asked what the status of those accounts would be after the projects are completed. The Mayor explained that when the Finance Director prepares the capital budget every year, she will appropriate money from unused accounts and ask that the money be repurposed.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

**5. New Business: None**

**6. Adjourn:** At 7:48 Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

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